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–Paul Castiglia, Pompton Plains, NJ

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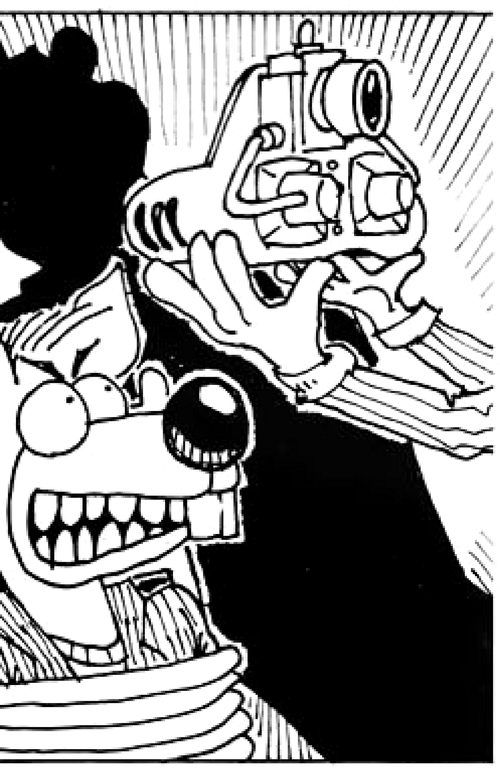

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VANITY COMEDY

WEASELY MACHO CREEP II

BOO BOO

SPACE SHIPS

FLOP MOVIE

TV SHOW

IDIOT IN A HOCKEY MASK

OPEN

... HELLO, MR. WAMBACH! I GOT THE TAPES BACK IN TIME, TODAY!

WHY, HELLO, JIMMY! ALWAYS GLAD TO SEE A GOOD CUSTOMER! DO YOU HAVE ANOTHER LIST WITH YOU...?

WRESTLIN

LUMP

SUBSCRIBE

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA

OOOH OOOOH

BOO!

IT'S FERDIE AGAIN! YAWN

I'LL HAVE TO SHOOT YOU FOR SMOKING THAT JOINT

OH NO! IT'S A BIG RUBBER MONSTER! AIEEEEEE

SURE DO! HERE'RE THE OLD TAPES

NOW LET'S SEE... YOU'RE RETURNING "RETURN OF THE ROMERO-RIPOFF LIVING DEAD", "YUPPIE TEEN VAMPIRE COMEDY PT. 3", AND "EMTEE-VEE'S CORPORATE REBEL-ROCK SPECIAL"!

YES, THAT'S IT... A FINE SELECTION....

WOO WOO TELEVISION

"WOW!"

AND HERE'S THE NEW LIST!

AH, YES! YOU WANT "COMPUTER DOOFS SAVE THE WORLD PTS. 1&2", "FRIDAY THE 14TH, PART 22", "INVADERS FROM MARS: THE MAKEOVER"... AND "HIGHLIGHTS OF 1989 COP OPERAS"... MY, MY!

HOCKEY MASK

YUPPIE TEEN VAMPIRE COMEDY III

WELL, NOW! JIMMY, I'VE GOT SOME NEWS FOR YOU...

YOU DON'T HAVE 'EM IN STOCK?

HA, HA! NO, JIMMY, NOT THAT! IT'S THAT YOU'VE FINALLY BROKEN ONE THOUSAND!! YEP!

BLAM BLAM BLAM

I'M WACKY! I'M CRAZY! LAUGH!

OOOOOOOH! I'LL DRINK THIS BEER FOREVER

JMPA THUMPA JMPA THUMPA JMPA THUMPA

HUH? **WHAT'D** I BREAK??

?

TODAY MARKS THE DAY YOU'VE RENTED ONE THOUSAND TAPES FROM US! AND **THAT** QUALIFIES YOU TO JOIN A VERY SPECIAL CLUB THAT WE RUN! CONGRATULATIONS!

FUNNY FUN COMED

YUPPIE WHOOPIE

UH, WHAT KIND OF CLUB? I NEVER HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT IT!

OH, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE... IT'S A VERY SELECT GROUP, YOU KNOW, HA HA!

YEAH? SOUNDS OKAY... WHAT IS IT, A SPECIAL DISCOUNT VIDEO CLUB, OR WHAT?

WRESTLIN LUMP

HOT DAMN!

WE RENT

INTENDTO

OH, IT'S MUCH MORE THAN THAT, JIMMY...

CLICK

TOON

MUCH MORE!

WRESTI LUMP

YAAAAAA!

INTENDTO

AAAAAAAAAAA

AAAAAAAAAAA THUD

OW!

WHAT THE HELL??

LOOK! IT'S THE LATEST "ONE THOUSAND" CLUB MEMBER!

WELCOME ABOARD!

HI!

HUH?? WHO ARE YOU??

...WELL? WHO ARE YOU...?

HEY! I ASKED YOU A QUESTION...

HEY...

EMTEE

HA HA HA

...AND ONCE AGAIN, THE CHICKEN OF WRATH IS CALLED UPON TO FIGHT A TERRIBLE MENACE THAT NOBODY SUSPECTS! GOOD THING HE'S HERE, ISN'T IT? YOU'RE DAMN RIGHT IT IS!!

herbs.

YES IT'S FISSION CHICKEN IN:

ATTACK OF THE VIDEO ZOMBIES!

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WOW, AND LOOK AT THIS! IT'S THE **FISSION CHICKEN** THEME SONG! OOH!

FISSION CHICKEN FIGHTS A WAR
AGAINST ALL MIND CONTROLLERS;
IF HE SEES THEM STEALING YOURS
HE'LL PUNCH THEM IN THE MOLARS!

FISSION CHICKEN, MODERN MYTH,
FISSION CHICKEN, GO GET
ALL THE CREEPS AND BEAT THEM WITH
A GREAT BIG HEAVY OBJECT!

(SUNG TO THE TUNE OF "YANKEE DOODLE", OF COURSE.)

MEANWHILE, FISSION CHICKEN, OBLIVIOUS TO THE BIZARRE WEB OF INTRIGUE HE WILL SOON BE ENMESHED IN, FINDS HIMSELF IN A CLEVER TRAP!

IT WAS HELL ENOUGH GETTING **IN** HERE — NOW HOW DO I GET **OUT**?

...ALL I WANTED WAS A COUPLE OF DAMN ONIONS!

GRRR!

FRESH PRODUCE

'SCUSE ME...

SURE...

'SCUSE ME? THANKS

PARDON...? THANKS

PARDON ME...

UH, CAN I GET THROUGH, PLEASE?

OVERPRICED CELERY

ELASTIC CHIPS

LEM'ME JUST SQUEEZE PAST HERE, THANKS

EXCUSE ME?...

'SCUSE-

I'VE JUST NOW REALIZED I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS!

STUFF YER FACE WITH TATERS $

?

WHOO

SSSCRRUNKK

LADY? HEY LADY, WOULD YOU MOVE YOUR CART BACK A LITTLE? THERE, THANKS

SSCRRK SCRAPE

TUNK

HEY!

SHIFT

WHAT ARE YOU DOING??

YOU'LL SEE IN A MINUTE! YOU'LL LIKE IT A LOT BETTER

RRRUNK THUD

?

WHAT THE....

FOOD CO GALAXY FRED

...HEY!

HEY YOU!! WHAT- WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE **DOING**?!!

I'M MOVING THE DISPLAYS SO THAT EVERYBODY CAN GET THROUGH! PRETTY GOOD, HUH?

YOU CAN'T JUST MOVE THE DISPLAYS AROUND! THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE LIKE THAT!!

WHAT, THEY'RE **SUPPOSED** TO FORM A MAZE? I DON'T SEE ANY MINOTAUR AROUND HERE! DO YOU?

...MINOTAUR?? WHAT ARE YOU **TALKING** ABOUT?!!

SKIP IT... I JUST HATE TO TAKE FORTY MINUTES TO GET TO THE ONIONS

SSCHRNK

BUT ALL OUR STORES ARE SET UP LIKE THAT! IT'S FOR MAXIMUM CONSUMER EXPOSURE!

YEAH, WELL NOW IT'S SET UP FOR MAXIMUM CONSUMER FLOW! AREN'T YOU PLEASED? `BYE....

VANDAL! **ANARCHIST!** PUT THEM BACK!... **HEY!!**

...HUH— YOU'D THINK HE'D BE HONORED TO HAVE THE CHICKEN OF WRATH PATRONIZE HIS STORE!

OH WAIT, I TOLD SKIP I'D PICK UP SOME MOVIES FOR HIM! GOT HIS LIST AND CARD? YEP

VIDEO PIT

OPEN

BOO BOO

NINJA FARMER

WOW

BOOM

♫ DING A LING DINGLE ♫

WELL, HELLO! HOW CAN I HEL:=

OH GOD! IT'S FISSION CHICKEN! WHY IS HE HERE?? DOES HE... SUSPECT ANYTHING? NO! THEY ASSURED ME NOBODY WOULD! PLEASE DON'T LET HIM SUSPECT ANYTHING!! PLEASE DON'T LET HIM BEAT MY HEAD IN, AND THEN THROW ME WAY UP HIGH IN THE AIR AND LET ME FALL WITHOUT CATCHING ME! I'LL ACT NATURALLY! HE WON'T HIT ME

(ERRRRUMPH:=KOFF:=) FISSION CHICKEN!! HOW MAY I HELP YOU? ALWAYS NICE TO HAVE A DEFENDER OF JUSTICE IN MY STORE, AH HA! YES.

HUH? WELL, I'D LIKE TO RENT A FEW MOVIES... LET ME FIND THE LIST...

MOVIES! HEH, YES! THAT'S WHAT WE'RE ALL ABOUT! THIS ISN'T A BAKERY, IS IT? HA HA!

BIG RUBBER MONSTER

NEW VIDEO GAME! "KILL 'EM ALL"

ER, NO, GUESS NOT... LET'S SEE, DO YOU HAVE "HORNY VAMPIRE", "THE ABOMINABLE DR. HIVES", AND "I EAT YOUR BRAIN WITH KETCHUP"? THEY'RE NOT FOR ME, THEY'RE FOR A FRIEND...

HA! HORROR MOVIE BUFF, I SEE! YOUR FRIEND HAS GOOD TASTE! AND WE HAVE ALL THREE IN STOCK, YOU BET!!

CLACK CLACK CLACK

ZIPPPP

UH, YEAH, GREAT, THANKS... SEE YA LATER!

♫TING A LING A LING♫

HA! YEP! SEE YOU LATER!

WHY DOES HE WANT TO SEE ME LATER?? DOES HE SUSPECT ANYTHING? **NO!!** HE CAN'T! I HAVEN'T ACTED THE LEAST BIT SUSPICIOUS! I HOPE HE DOESN'T JUMP BACK IN HERE AND POINT AT ME AND SAY, "YOU THOUGHT YOU HAD ME **FOOLED**, DIDN'T YOU?" LORD, I HOPE HE DOESN'T DO THAT

WRESTLIN LUMP

...I DON'T FEEL LIKE WALKING HOME WITH ALL THIS STUFF! UP WE GO... WONDER WHAT "HORNY VAMPIRE" IS LIKE? NEVER SAW THAT ONE....

WEIRD GUY BACK THERE... PROBABLY GONE TWITCHY FROM TOO MUCH TV! OCCUPATIONAL HAZARD, NO DOUBT....

VIDEO

ZIP

LATER...

...HERE'S THE TAPES, SKIP! HIVES, BRAINS, AND HORNY VAMPIRES!

AWRIGHT! GOOD MOVIES TONIGHT! ESPECIALLY "HORNY VAMPIRE"! — THAT'S A PRIME MEMOIR OF MY TEENAGE LUSTS! AH, MAMMARIES...

SOUNDS PRETTY GOOD, SKIP...

YOU BETTER BELIEVE IT! IT STARS BOTH INGRID KERNEL AND BARBARA IRON!

YEAH?... HEY, CHRISTOPHER LEEN IS IN IT, TOO!

NO KIDDIN? HUH! DIDN'T REMEMBER THAT... I MUSTA BEEN PREOCCUPIED WITH THE SCENERY OR SOMETHING!

SOLDIER

HORNY VAMPIRE

HEY, LET'S POP IT IN RIGHT NOW! YOU SAY YOU NEVER SAW THIS?

NOPE! LET'S HAVE A LOOK-SEE!

GREAT... WAIT'LL YA SEE ONE 'A THE LADIES TAKIN' A BATH, AND DRACULA PEEKS THROUGH TH' KEYHOLE... IT'S A SCENE DONE WITH REAL CONVICTION!

WRRRR CLIK VOOVOOVOOVOOVOO

EH?? WHAT'S **THIS?**

I DUNNO... AT LEAST IT'S NOT ONE OF THOSE DAMN CANDY COMMERCIALS!

VOO VOO BIP: ... GREETINGS AGAIN, VIDCITIZEN! THE TELEMANTRA FOR TODAY IS: "MONEYUNIVISION"...

MMMONEY, UNI, VISIONNN... MMMONEY, UNI, VISIONNN...
MMMONEY, UNI, VISIONNN... MMMONEY, UNI, VISIONNN...
MMMONEY, UNI, VISIONNN... MMMONEY, UNI, VISIONNN...

MMMONEY, UNI, VISIONNN... NOW, WHILE YOU LISTEN TO THE TELEMANTRA,
MMMONEY, UNI, VISIONNN... LETTING THE SOUNDS, AND ALL THEY CAN MEAN,
MMMONEY, UNI, VISIONNN... SINK INTO YOUR LOBES, HERE ARE SOME
MMMONEY, UNI, VISIONNN... IMPORTANT FLASH-CUT IMAGES FOR YOUR
MMMONEY, UNI, VISIONNN... EYES, WHICH ARE THE WINDOWS OF YOUR SOUL...

WHAT THE HELL'S THIS?! THIS AIN'T "HORNY VAMPIRE"!

GUESS NOT...

FLICKER FLASH FLICK FLICK FLASH FLICKER FLA

LET'S FAST-FORWARD IT SOME... WHRRRRRRRRRRRR CLICK

MMMONEY, UNI, VISIONNN... MMMONEY, UNI, VISIONNN...

SOME MORE... WHRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRR CLICK

ONEY, UNI, VISIONNN... MMMONEY, UNI, VISIONNN... MMM

HMMF...! WHRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRR CLICK

FLICKER FLASH FLICKER FLICK FLICK FLASH FLUTTER

MMMONEY, UNI, VISIONNN... MMMONEY, UNI, VISIONNN...
MMMONEY, UNI, VISIONNN... MMMONEY, UNI, VISIONNN...
MMM
MMM
MMM

THE WHOLE TAPE MUST BE LIKE THIS! WHAT A GYP!!

...I DON'T LIKE THIS.

WELL, NEITHER DO I! I AIN'T PAYIN' FOR THIS!

FLICKER FLASH FLICKER FLASH FLASH FLICKER FLASH

I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THAT— I'M WORRIED ABOUT WHAT EVIL END THIS TAPE IS THE MEANS TO!

YEAH?

YEAH! THAT SHADOWY FIGURE AT THE BEGINNING BOTHERS ME... AND WITH THIS 'TELEMANTRA' STUFF, I'D SAY THE VORTOXIANS HAD A BONELESS HAND IN THIS...

FLASH FLASH FLICKER FLICK

TH' VORTOXIANS? YES, THE MARKETING EXPERTS FROM BEYOND!

I DUNNO, FISH — I SEEN 'EM TOO, AND THEY LOOK DIFFERENT FROM THAT SHADOWY GUY... MORE BULB-HEADED, Y'KNOW?

RIGHT. WITHOUT THEIR WIGS, ANYWAY... BUT REMEMBER, THEY'RE MADE OUT OF PLASTIC — WE MAY VERY WELL HAVE SEEN A NEW MODEL JUST NOW!!

OKAY...YOU CAN GO IN NOW!

ALREADY? ISN'T ANYONE AHEAD OF ME?

NOPE!

OHHHHHHH...

YOU SENT FOR ME, SIR?

YOU ARE ERNIE WAMBACH?

YES, SIR

YES, I SENT FOR YOU... ERNIE, I SEE BY YOUR FILE, HERE, THAT YOU'VE BEEN DOING A SWELL JOB BEHIND THE COUNTER...

BUT WE SEEM TO HAVE A SMALL PROBLEM....

I HAVE A REPORT FROM INVENTORY ABOUT A MISPLACED TAPE...

SIR?

YOU SEE, ERNIE, WHERE AN S-341 TRAINING TAPE SHOULD BE, THEY INSTEAD FOUND A MOVIE: "HORNY VAMPIRE" ...AND WE'VE TRACED THE MIXUP TO YOUR AREA, UPSTAIRS!

OOPS

"OOPS", INDEED, ERNIE! I THINK WE BOTH REALIZE WHAT A SERIOUS MISTAKE IT IS TO RENT A TRAINING TAPE TO A "NON-VID"!

UH, (KOFF) YES SIR!

BUT WORSE, ERNIE... WORSE STILL, YOU RENTED IT TO FISSION CHICKEN, OF ALL PERSONS! SIGH....

IT...IT WAS AN ACCIDENT! HE SAID IT WAS FOR A FRIEND!

YES, BUT THAT FRIEND WILL DOUBTLESS DRAW HIS ATTENTION TO THE TAPE AFTER HE PLAYS IT— AND FISSION CHICKEN'S CURIOSITY WILL DOUBTLESSLY BE PIQUED! ...WE CAN EXPECT A VISIT FROM HIM!

SO YOU SEE, ERNIE, A LITTLE DISCIPLINARY ACTION IS IN ORDER...

YOU...YOU MEAN...?

YES, ERNIE—WE'RE DEMOTING YOU TO 'REWIND' SECTION.

AND NO TELEVISION FOR A WEEK!

OHHHHHHH....

THE NEXT DAY:

...OKAY, I MADE A COPY OF THE TELEMANTRA TAPE... YOU READY TO GO NOW?

YEAH, HOLD IT... I'M ALMOST FINISHED WITH MY HAIR!

...VOILA! NOW I CAN VISIT TH' SHOP WITH IMPUNITY!

YEAH, WE DON'T WANT TO PUT 'EM ON THEIR GUARD! LOOKS GREAT, SKIP!

OF COURSE IT DOES! IT'S FUN DRESSIN' UP!

YEAH, AND THAT NOSE IS EVEN BIGGER THAN YOUR REAL ONE!!

YAAH, GO BOIL YER HEAD—YOU'RE JUST JEALOUS 'CAUSE YOU DON'T EVEN **HAVE** A NOSE!!

YAH, PPLPLL!... HERE'S THE PLAN: I ENTER THE SHOP FIRST, AND ENGAGE THE CLERK IN ILLUMINATING CONVERSATION... **YOU** ENTER A BIT LATER, DISGUISED AS AN AVERAGE CONSUMER, AND SEARCH FOR CLUES!

ALL RIGHT! WE'RE SET! LET'S GO GET THE GOODS ON THOSE EVIL ALIENS!

WAIT A MINUTE, I GOTTA TAKE A LEAK...

SOON AFTER...

♪TING A LING ING ING♪

GOOD MORNING, SIR! MAY I HELP YOU?

HUH? YES, I GUESS SO... WHERE'S THE CLERK WHO WAS HERE YESTERDAY?

OH, HE MOVED AWAY! IT WAS THE GYPSY IN HIM...

OH. WELL, MAYBE YOU CAN HELP ME WITH THIS TAPE I GOT FROM HERE!

...SEE, IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE "HORNY VAMPIRE", BUT INSTEAD IT'S FULL OF THIS WEIRD STUFF...

WEIRD STUFF, SIR?

YEAH — SOME GUY COMES ON, SAYS SOMETHING ABOUT A "TELEMANTRA", AND THE REST OF IT IS FLASH-CUT IMAGES... NO PLOT, NO DIALOGUE, NO ENTERTAINMENT VALUE... DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS TAPE IS FOR?

I'M NOT SURE... WHY DO YOU ASK?

BECAUSE I WANT TO KNOW!

OH

WE CARRY ALL NETWORK T&A SHOWS

TEXAS CHAINSAW RIPOFF II

♪TING A LING A LING A♪

HMMM... YOU KNOW, I THINK I REMEMBER! SOMEBODY COMPLAINED HE GOT "HORNY VAMPIRE" INSTEAD OF A TEST TAPE HE WAS SUPPOSED TO GET, A FEW DAYS AGO...

A TEST TAPE? ...FOR WHAT?

I THINK IT WAS FOR SOME SORT OF COLLEGE COMMUNICATIONS CLASS— HE ORDERED IT THROUGH US... SOMETHING TO DO WITH 'IMAGE RETENTION', AND THE LIKE...

BIG RUBBER

YEAH? MAKES SENSE, I GUESS... I WAS READING ABOUT A COLLEGE PROJECT ONCE...

REALLY? HERE, LET ME FIND "HORNY VAMPIRE" FOR YOU...

HA HA HA

BOOM! BOOM!

'SCUSE ME...

YEAH, YOU SEE, THEY HAD THIS ACTOR STRAPPED INTO A FAKE "ELECTRIC CHAIR"... JUST A PROP... THEN THEY GOT SOME VOLUNTEERS AND SHOWED 'EM THE GUY IN THE CHAIR...

UH-HUH...

FUZZY CUTE-KINS

THEN, IN ANOTHER ROOM, THEY WERE GIVEN A BOX WITH FOUR BUTTONS, LABELED "LOW", "MED.", "HIGH", AND "XX"....

ALL THE VOLUNTEERS AT ONCE?

NO, ONE AT A TIME! ANYWAY, THEY WERE TOLD THAT PRESSING EACH SUBSEQUENT BUTTON WOULD GIVE AN INCREASINGLY LARGER SHOCK TO THE "SUBJECT" IN THE CHAIR...

ACCESSORIES

DOOT DE DOOT DE DOOO

AND THEN EACH VOLUNTEER IS TOLD TO GIVE SHOCKS TO THE "SUBJECT"! WHEN THEY DID, HE'D SCREAM ON CUE TO A PREARRANGED SIGNAL—THE BIGGER THE "SHOCK", THE LOUDER THE SCREAM!

UH, I FOUND "HORNY VAMPIRE"...

ZOOM

BLAH

NOSE JOB

THE VOLUNTEERS WOULD GET WORRIED THAT THEY WERE HURTING THE GUY... BUT A "DIRECTOR", STANDING NEAR, SAID HE'D TAKE ALL RESPONSIBILITY! SO THEY KEPT PRESSING THE BUTTONS WHEN TOLD TO!

HOW ABOUT THAT! JUST GOES TO SHOW—

THEY SAVED HITLER'S BRAIN IN A MAYONNAISE JAR

?

BUT THAT'S NOT ALL! THE VOLUNTEERS WERE TOLD THAT THE "XX" BUTTON GAVE A POSSIBLY LETHAL JOLT!... WHEN THEY WERE TOLD TO PRESS IT, SOME OF 'EM QUIT... BUT MOST OF 'EM STAYED WITH IT!...

RIGHT, ER, ANY MORE TAPES I CAN GET YOU?

AND WHEN THEY PUSHED THE "XX" BUTTON, THE ACTOR WOULD SCREAM BRIEFLY, THEN GO SILENT... AND WHEN THE "DIRECTOR" TOLD THEM TO KEEP PRESSING "XX", THEY SAID, "WELL, OKAY—JUST SO LONG AS IT'S **YOUR** RESPONSIBILITY!"... BOY! GOOD THING IT WAS ONLY FAKED, HUH?

I'LL SAY! HERE'S "HORNY VAMPIRE"...

SUCK TUBE !!

YEAH, SOME PEOPLE WILL DO ANYTHING AS LONG AS IT'S "AUTHORIZED", HA HA! WELL, ANYWAY, THANKS FOR THE RIGHT TAPE... G'BYE NOW!

HEH... GOODBYE, SIR!

TING A LING ING

...HEY BUDDY? HOW MUCH DOES THIS HEAD CLEANER COST? WANNA KEEP MY HEAD CLEAN, YOU KNOW?

WHAT? OH! YES, THAT'S IMPORTANT, SIR

AFTERWARDS, AT FISSION CHICKEN'S APARTMENT H.Q.....

...WELL, FISH, WHATTAYA THINK?

I THINK THAT GUY'S FULLA CRAP! "COLLEGE PROJECT", MY EYE! SHIFTY-LOOKING CHARACTER... DID YOU FIND ANYTHING UNUSUAL IN THERE?

SURE DID! LOOK AT THIS NOTE I FOUND STUCK IN A TAPE CASE!

LET'S SEE!

...MMPH... WELL, THAT CLINCHES IT! SOMETHING SMELLS ROTTEN IN VIDEO-LAND! — WHO'S ERNIE WAMBACH?

HE'S THE CLERK WHO GAVE YOU THAT WEIRD TAPE IN THE FIRST PLACE!... THE GUY WHO "MOVED AWAY"!

UH HUH... AND NOW HE WRITES A WARNING! I GUESS HE MUST'VE DISPLEASED SOMEBODY!

I GUESS!

FOR ME. IT'S TOO LATE FROM THIS STORE! AND FOR GODS SAKE, DON'T RENT 1000 TAPES OF STUPID ENTERTAINMENT OR IT WILL HAPPEN TO YOU TOO!!!

Ernie Wambach

BUT WHAT'S HE WARNING US **ABOUT**? THE TOP HALF OF THE NOTE'S GONE! WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU **DO** RENT 1000 TAPES OF "STUPID ENTERTAINMENT"?

YOUR BRAIN MELTS?

BESIDES THAT! MAYBE THE CONSEQUENCES ARE EVEN MORE DIRE... MAYBE THE VORTOXIANS REPLACE YOUR BRAIN WITH ONE OF THEIRS ...WHO KNOWS??

LOCATIONS OF EVIL

SCANNER PARTS

PAPER CLIPS

RUBBER CEMENT

WELL, WE COULD FIND OUT BY RENTIN' 1000 TAPES OF STUPID STUFF...

WHAT? NO- THAT WOULD TAKE MONTHS!

NO IT WOULDN'T — I COULD JOIN THE SHOP'S "VIDEO MANIAC" CLUB! LOOK!

WHAT THE HELL'S THAT?

YA PUT A COUPLE HUNDRED DOLLARS DOWN, AND YOU CAN RENT AS MANY TAPES AS YOU WANT!

VIDEO MANIAC CLUB

THAT MAY BE THE TICKET, SKID — IF THEY PULL ANY FUNNY STUFF, WE CAN CATCH 'EM RED-HANDED!

GREAT! WE CAN START RIGHT AWAY, 'CAUSE I HAVE A FAKE IDENTITY TO GO WITH THIS DISGUISE!

YEAH? WHAT DO YOU CALL YOURSELF?

SIDNEY PIFFLER!

SIDNEY PIFFLER?!? ARE YOU KIDDING?!

NO!... WHAT'S WRONG WITH IT??

IT'S RIDICULOUS, THAT'S WHAT! WHAT'S WRONG WITH "SMITH", OR "JONES"?

ARE **YOU** KIDDING?! THOSE ARE OBVIOUS AS HELL! MIGHT AS WELL CALL MYSELF "JOE ALIAS" OR "FRED FAKENAME" WHILE I'M AT IT! GEEZ, FISH...

....."SIDNEY PIFFLER"??

AND SO PHASE 2 OF "THE OPERATION" IS PUT INTO EFFECT ⇨

(INSERT OLD SPY MOVIE MUSIC HERE.)

...SIDNEY PIFFLER??

YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT, AND I WANNA JOIN YOUR "VIDEO MANIAC" CLUB! HERE'S A LIST OF TAPES I WANT!

FOO!

...I'VE LOOKED AT THIS PLACE FROM ALL ANGLES, AND THERE'S NOTHING TO SEE FROM OUTSIDE! WHY CAN'T AN ALIEN SHUTTLE-CRAFT LAND ON THE ROOF...?

BOY, I HATE WAITING! I PREFER TO JUMP IN AND SMACK VILLAINS IN THE HEAD! WISH I HAD SOME COFFEE....

VIDEO PIT

FLOWER FLAKES

...LET'S SEE... AND A COMPLETE SET OF ALL OUR JAPANESE TOY ROBOT CARTOONS! I THINK THAT'S IT, RIGHT, SIR?

YEP! GREAT! NOW I GOT SOMETHING TO WATCH OVER THE WEEKEND! SEE YA LATER, SPORT!

VIDEO PIT

AHH, THERE'S SKIP NOW— GEEZ, HOW MANY TAPES DID HE START WITH?

THESE TAPES SHOULD BE PROPERLY DUMB... THEY WEIGH ENOUGH, ANYWAY! MAYBE FISH SHOULD'VE DISGUISED HIMSELF, AND I COULD'VE RECONNOITERED! EEE... HOW FAR AWAY DID I PARK TH' CAR??

VIDE

♪ TINGALING DING ♪ DUH

OPEN

SPECIAL BUY ONE GET ONE

SMIRKING JERK WITH A GUN

BLOW UP NEW JERSEY VIDEO GAME!

...OKAY, WE'RE WELL ON OUR WAY! WANNA WATCH ANY OF THIS STUFF?

HELL NO! MY DEDICATION DOESN'T GO **THAT** FAR— LET'S GET SOME BEER!

MAKE IT VODKA AND ORANGE, AND YOU'RE ON!

OKAY, BUT THIS TIME **I'M** MIXING!!

IDIOT IN A HOCKEY MASK

GROOVY VIOLENT POLICE

CALIFORNIA PRUNES

CALIFORNIA PRUNES SAT. MORNING SHOW

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO THE CALIFORNIA PRUNES

WORKOUT WITH THE CALIFORNIA PRUNES

POLICE GHOST

POLICE BAKER

POLICE ZOMBIE

POLICE ROBOT

YUPPIES IN A HAUNTED HOUSE

SOFT-CORE DANCE EXERCIZE

EMTEE-VEE'S VEE-JAYS SPEAK

21 JUNK STREET MUZAK SEQUENCES

"ANEMIA'S MOST WANTED" HI-LITES

GIANT TOY ROBOTS FIGHT DRUGS

CUTE LITTLE EXTRATERRESTRIALS

I'M SO CUTE / WOO WOO

FAKE "BLOOPERS" TO CONVINCE YOU HOW WARM AND HUMAN TV IS

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REPUBLICAN ROCK / THE GREASY POODLES

GIANT TOY ROBOTS THAT CAN TURN INTO CARS

SNEERIN' YUPPIE KIDS ROCKIN' HEAVY

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SNEERING KIDS

SEASON PREMIERE "OBNOXIOUS BRATS"

AGING FEMALE VOCALIST WITH FACIAL SURGERY

PUBLIC DOMAIN EARLY CARTOONS (COLORIZED)

SNEERING DRUG-ADDICTED THUGS

CALIFORNIA PRUNES FIGHT DRUGS WITH NANCY RAYGUN

OBNOXIOUS BRATS GO TO JAPAN

GROOVY VIOLENT POLICE PT. III

COLORIZED CLASSIC FILMS SAMPLER

DANCEXERCISING WITH PROFESSIONAL MODELS

COMMERCIALS: THE NICEST PART

HOW TO TUNE YOUR CARBURATOR WITH THE CALIFORNIA PRUNES!

"FINK ON YOUR FAMILY" WITH NANCY RAYGUN

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ERASERHEAD: THE REMIKE

ONLY EDITED THREE STOOGES

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VIDEO PIT

Y'KNOW, WE'RE REALLY GONNA FEEL STUPID IF ALL THIS IS FOR NOTHING...
YEAH, I KNOW! YOUR MOVE...

WELL, THIS IS IT! THIS BUNCH MAKES IT 994 TAPES WE RETURNED!... WE'LL HIT 1000 TODAY!
AT LAST! NOW WE'LL FIND THE ANSWER!
YEAH! I'M CARRYIN' A PIECE, JUST IN CASE
A PIECE OF WHAT? HAR HAR!
IT'S A PIECE SHOOTER! HAR HAR YERSELF!

...PIECE SHOOTER...?
YEAH, YOU KNOW, PEA SHOOTER!
AGG... THAT REEKS!! IF THAT'S THE BEST YOU CAN DO, YOU'RE **LUCKY** A SUPERHERO IS RIGHT BEHIND YOU!
LUCKY?! I'M THE ONE DOIN' ALL THE WORK HERE!... YOU HEAR GUNFIRE, COME IN WITH YOUR FINGERS BLAZING! HERE WE GO...

AHHH, MR. PIFFLER! YOU'VE FINALLY RENTED 1000 TAPES FROM US! THIS IS A GREAT DAY FOR YOU!

CLICK

AAAAAAAA.

...HEY BUDDY, YOU KNOW WHAT TIME IT IS?

UH, YEAH — IT'S A QUARTER AFTER TEN

SKIP'S BEEN IN THERE TOO LONG! IT'S TIME FOR THE CHICKEN OF WRATH TO TAKE A HAND!!

WHAT?

LEAP

GAW!

TING A LING!

CRASH

EEEEK! UBB... MAY I HELP YOU, SIR?

YEAH! YOU CAN TELL ME WHERE'S THE RACCOON THAT CAME IN HERE A WHILE AGO! EH??

BUT NOBODY'S BEEN IN HERE ALL MORNING! WANT TO SEE OUR NEW RELEASES?

YES! WE CARRY BOO BO

THE GAM

ONT

TUMP

DITSY GIRL!

NO, I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOUR NEW RELEASES! I WANT YOU TO RELEASE YOUR PRISONER! WHERE IS HE?!

I DON'T KNOW! HE'S NOT HERE! AND YOU'RE WRINKLING MY SHIRT!

SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE

PLEASE DON'T DO THAT! I GET THESE SINUS HEADACHES...

THEN ANSWER MY QUESTION!

OH... ALL RIGHT....

IF YOU'LL JUST STEP OVER HERE ...

WHY DO YOU WANT ME TO STEP OVER THERE? BECAUSE OF THIS HANDY TRAP DOOR, HERE? HMM?

OH, YOU KNOW ABOUT THE TRAP DOOR?

HA! I WAS LOOKING FOR IT! VORTOXIANS **LOVE** TRAP DOORS!

WE CARRY HEAD WANK PRODUCTS

WOW

WHAT'S A VORTOXIAN?

"WHAT'S A VORTOXIAN?", HE ASKS INNOCENTLY!

YEE!

ZAP!

WELL, WELL! HOW NICE TO MEET YOU, MR. SQUIRRELHARD!

OH. DISGUISE DIDN'T FOOL YA, HUH?

OH COME NOW... THE SECOND I SAW YOU, I THOUGHT, "SAY, LOOK AT THE GUY DISGUISED AS A RACCOON!"...

YAH, HOORAY FOR YOU! WHAT'S ALL THIS WEIRD SHIT WITH THE TRAPDOOR AND TAPES AND THESE GUYS WITH THE FUNNY HATS, HUH?

AH, YES... EVER THE DETECTIVE! SIMPLY PUT, THIS IS A 'CLUB' CUSTOMERS ARE INVITED TO JOIN AFTER MEETING CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS! AND MEMBERSHIP IS BOOMING!

YEAH, WELL I'M NOT A 'CLUB TYPE', MYSELF! I MISS MEETINGS, I NEVER PAY DUES...

OH, IT'S NOT THAT KIND OF CLUB... NO NEED TO REMEMBER DUES, MEETINGS, OR ANYTHING ELSE! THE UNIVISION CAP TAKES CARE OF YOUR SCHEDULE!

THE WHAT CAP...?

THEY'RE THOSE "FUNNY HATS" YOU MENTIONED — THEY REPRESENT THE NEXT STEP IN TODAY'S GET-UP-AND-GO VIDEO LIFESTYLE! YOUR ENTIRE LIFE SCORED TO THE BEAT, WITH NEW INFORMATION FED DIRECTLY INTO YOUR HEAD! PRETTY SWELL, EH?

ARE YOU KIDDING?! THAT TOOTS THE PINK PICCOLO!!

THERE NOW, MR. SQUIRRELHARD, YOU'RE BEING ENTIRELY TOO NEGATIVE...

...AFTER YOU'VE WORN ONE FOR A WHILE, YOU'LL WONDER HOW YOU EVER GOT ALONG WITHOUT IT! HA HA HA HA HAHA HA...

HEY WAIT!!

ZZZ

DUCK "BILL" PLATYPUS in ATTACK OF THE KILLER CRULLERS!

HEY, BRO--- YOU BUYIN'?

?

BUYING?

--WHAT?

TEA-SHIRT

POWDERED-SUGAR DONUTS---

NO!

HE JUST SAID IT!

THOSE CRULLERS ARE CRUEL--- PERNICIOUS POISON----

SNORF

I DON'T NEED NO DIABOLICAL DRUGS TO GET "HI!"

YOU SCUM BUM!

COFFEE

NEW CHINCHILLA CHILI $10

HALIBUT HASH $3.95

PRESIDENT GRINNY HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY TO EXPLAIN HIS DONUT POLICY---

MS. COFFEE

PINEAPPLE PIE $1.50

BARF-BAG 25¢ EXTRA

NOW, A LOT OF YOU FREE CITIZENS OUT THERE WANT POWDERED-SUGAR DONUTS--- BUT YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO THEM-- THEY'RE BAD FOR YOU, YOU'RE SICK AND DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING--

---AND TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, A LOT OF PEOPLE IN THE GHETTOS ARE GETTING FILTHY RICH OFF DONUT DEALS!

--DRIVING AROUND IN FANCY CARS, ACQUIRING WHITE GIRL FRIENDS... IT'S APPAL-LING!

A WHOLE GENERATION OF "ANIMALS OF COLOR"* IS BEING DESTROYED--AND THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO SAVE THEM...

*AS OPPOSED TO ALBINOS.

THROW THOSE BUMS IN THE BIG HOUSE!

THANK YOU.

IT'S GENOCIDE!

YEAH... JUST THINK...

-- THERE ARE MORE "COLOREDS" INCARCERATED IN SING-SING THAN IN HARVARD...

MUSTARD

KETCHUP

I DON'T MEAN THAT... THEY CAN LOCK THOSE POISON PROFITEERS UP AND THROW AWAY THE KEY ----- IT'S GENOCIDAL FOR WHITEY TO FORCE 'EM TO TAKE DONUTS IN THE 1ST PLACE...

?

WHERE YOU GOIN'?

MUD-BATHING, MY SWEET...

THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE OF THE SEASON... BEFORE PERMA-FROST SETS IN.....

YOU'RE STAYIN' IN... PRESIDENT SAYS THERE ARE TONS OF DANGEROUS DONUTS OUT THERE.... I DON'T WANT 'EM TO GIT YOU!

I APPRECIATE YOU AND THE PRESIDENT'S CONCERN...

BUT I CAN TAKE CARE A MYSELF....

IN--OR DO I HAVTA KNOCK SOME TEETH OUT? IN

SQUINCH

DONUTS--MOOD-ALTERING SUBSTANCES--BRRR--SATANIC!

IT'S BETTER TO STAY IN A BAD MOOD?

IT'S ALWAYS BEEN GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME...

--THING I CAN'T FIGURE OUT IS WHY, IF DONUTS ARE SO DIABOLICAL, YOU USE 'EM IN YOUR CHURCH...

---AND SENATOR SNOGG SUPPORTS SIMOLIAN SUBSIDIES TO GIGANTIC UNIVERSAL DONUTS---

LIKE ALL "BLACK AND WHITE" THINKERS YOU IGNORE SUBTLE DISTINCTIONS

LIKE WHAT?

DOPE PUSHER

--WE AND THE STATE USE THE PLAIN DONUTS--

--WHEREAS THE (SHUDDER) "BLACK MARKET" DEALS IN THE POWDERED SUGAR EEEEEEEEEE ONES!

PLOP

AREN'T YOU EVEN GOING TO JOIN ME IN A LITTLE INDIGNANT FAINTING AND SCREAMING?

NO!

DON'T YOU KNOW THIS IS WAR---? WAR AGAINST DONUTS--?

HOLEY WAR?

WHAT ARE YOU, AN ENEMY SPY?

PROBLEM IS, I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CARES ABOUT THE MORAL FIBER OF THIS NATION--

YEAH... MORE FIBER --- YAWN--

I SAY: THE DONUT DEALERS SHOULD GET TWO CONSECUTIVE LIFE SENTENCES!

HA!

I CARE MORE THAN YOU!--I SAY THEY SHOULD GET 4 CONSECUTIVE LIFE SENTENCES...

SPUT--

OH, YEAH? THEY SHOULD GET 8!

16!

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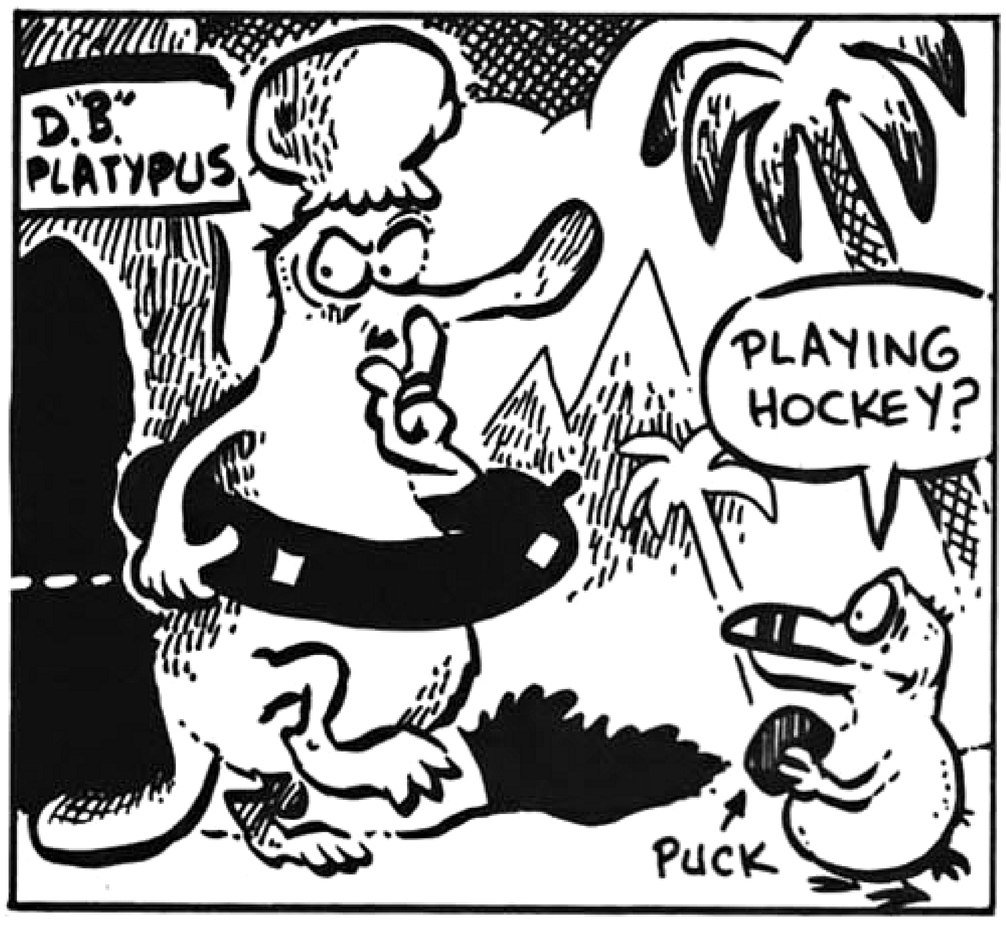
64 MILLION!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PLATYPUS
PLAYING HOCKEY?
PUCK

HA!
WHAT FOOLS THESE MORONS BE.

HEY, MAN--YOU SEEKIN' SNOWY SINKERS?
JUST SAY "MO!"
LABRAY MUD POTS

BLEH!
DOPPLER EFFECT
MOVE IT!

THAT MUST BE SOME OF THE "KINDER, GENTLER" "ZERO TOLERANCE"!

GERANIUM!
MUD POTS
TOINK

BOING

HE CAN'T KEEP ME OUTA THAT MUD-HOLE!

I GOT SWATTER'S RIGHTS!

SNITT!

Bzzz

I JUST THANK GOD I'M HERE-- I'M THE CONSCIENCE OF THIS COUNTRY!
MOO-MOO DOO-DOO!
I'M THE CONSCIENCE OF THE ©★#!¡ COUNTRY!
CRAP!
GROWK!!
THWUD
P.S. DONUTS, BUDDY?
KILLER! ASSASSIN! -- WOULD YOU THEN MURDER ME?
CLAQUE-O 98™
HEY! JUST SAY "NO"!
I THINK THAT MONSTRO-SITY IS GONE NOW----
IT SHOULD BE SAFE TO GO BACK IN THE MUD NOW---
HEY!
IT'S A HAM-HEAD SHARK-- LE'GO!
SCHOOCH
FWANG
BWAP
TOINK

THAT DAME IS A DIRTY FIGHTER--SHE PECKED ME IN THE EYE---
KOSHER HOTDOG

GAGG---IT'S A BIG, BLACK DONUT!---COMING AFTER ME!--IT'S GOING TO EAT ME!
LITTLE BOONEY

IT'S NO GOOD---THE DONUTS ARE EVERYWHERE---
EEEEEEEEEEEEE
MR. COFFEE NERVES

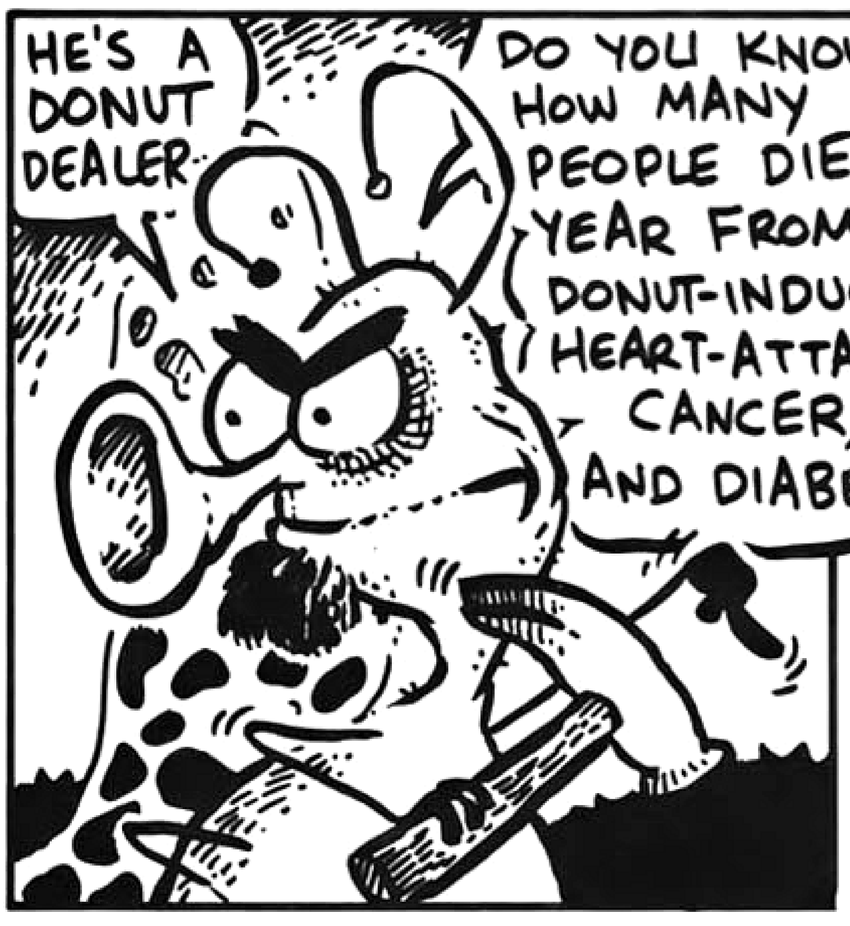
CLOSING IN ON US--
GRABBING--
CHOKING--

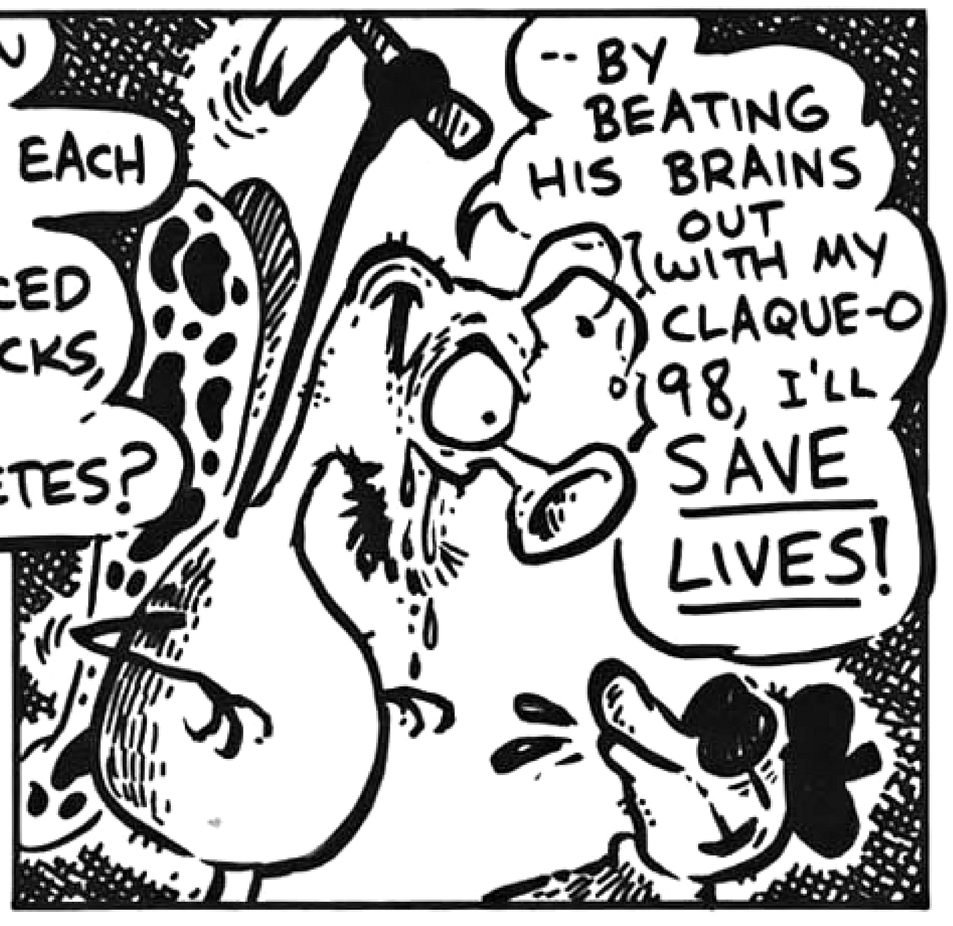
EH?

ARGH!--IT'S RAINING POWDERED SUGAR!

LOOKY THERE, NELLIE--FIRST SNOW OF THE SEASON---
IT'LL BE A ROUGH WINTER---

HEY!--WHAT ARE YOU DOIN', YOU BULLY BUTTERFLY?


HE'S A DONUT DEALER--
DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE DIE EACH YEAR FROM DONUT-INDUCED HEART-ATTACKS, CANCER, AND DIABETES?


--BY BEATING HIS BRAINS OUT WITH MY CLAQUE-O 98, I'LL SAVE LIVES!

--THIS IS THE MORAL EQUIVALENT OF HIROSHIMA---
SNORF

HOLD IT, YOU FASCIST!

GLK

HE CAN'T HELP IT!---HE'S A MERE PIECE OF SOCIAL FLOTSAM--A VICTIM OF THIS RACIST CULTURE WHO BECAME A DONUT ADDICT BECAUSE HE LACKS EMPOWERMENT

WAIT A MINUTE---

--I AIN'T NO ADDICT-- I CAN'T EVEN STAND THE THINGS-- I'M A BUSINESSMAN --YOU SEE----

--I GOT ALL THE EMPOWDERMENT I NEED RIGHT HERE!

GIMME THAT HAMMER!

GRARF!

WHAT THE HECK IS THAT?

THE DONUTS ARE COMING!

I KNOW--- I'M HERE TO STOP 'EM!

WHO ARE YOU?

THE DONUT TSAR--

♫ TWINKLE TWINKLE LITTLE TSAR--HOW I WONDER WHAT I ARE-----

--DOING TO HOLD DONUTS BACK?--- WHEN I FAIL I'LL GET THE SACK---

--THEN I'LL WRITE MY BIG BEST-SELLER: "HOW DIRTY DONUTS FELLED A FELLER"..

OH, SAVE US, SAVE US, MIGHTY TSAR!

HALT!

--IN THE NAME OF THE--

WANK!

DON'T WORRY--- WE'LL GET THE NEXT ONE---

--YOU CAN'T KEEP A GOOD TSAR DOWN---

HELP

BLAP

MY HUSBAND IS MISSING-- I'M AFRAID THE DONUTS GOT HIM.. SNORF..

BLUB

NOW, MADAM..

STOP 'IM!!

SPLAT

HE'S A DONUT DEALER!

SMUNCH

IT! SETTLE DOWN --- THIS MASS PANIC ISN'T GETTING US ANYWHERE!

THERE'S NO POINT IN RUNNING AROUND HYSTERICALLY IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS

LET'S COORDINATE OUR EFFORTS!

LET'S RUN AROUND HYSTERICALLY IN THE SAME DIRECTION...

EEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE!

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Critters #10: *Usagi Yojimbo* cover/story, plus *Gnuff* and *Lionheart*.

Critters #12: *Birthright* returns, plus Waller/Worley's *SpeakingStone*, and Sam Kieth!

Critters #13: *Gnuff* cover, plus *Birthright* and Mark Armstrong.

Critters #14: *Usagi Yojimbo* story and cover, plus *Birthright* and *Gnuff*.

Critters #15: *Blue Beagle* and *Fission Chicken*, and *Birthright* races on!

Critters #16: *Gnuff* ends, another *Nilson Groundthumper* story by Sakai, and *Birthright*!

Critters #17: *Lionheart* returns, plus the conclusion of *Birthright*.

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Critters #25: The return of *Lionheart*, plus *Gnuff* and *Angst*.

Critters #26: *Angst* cover by Van Horn, plus *Gnuff* and *Lionheart*.

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Critters #31: *Gnuff* cover featured, plus *Lizards*, *Blue Beagle*, and a Steve Bissette one-pager.

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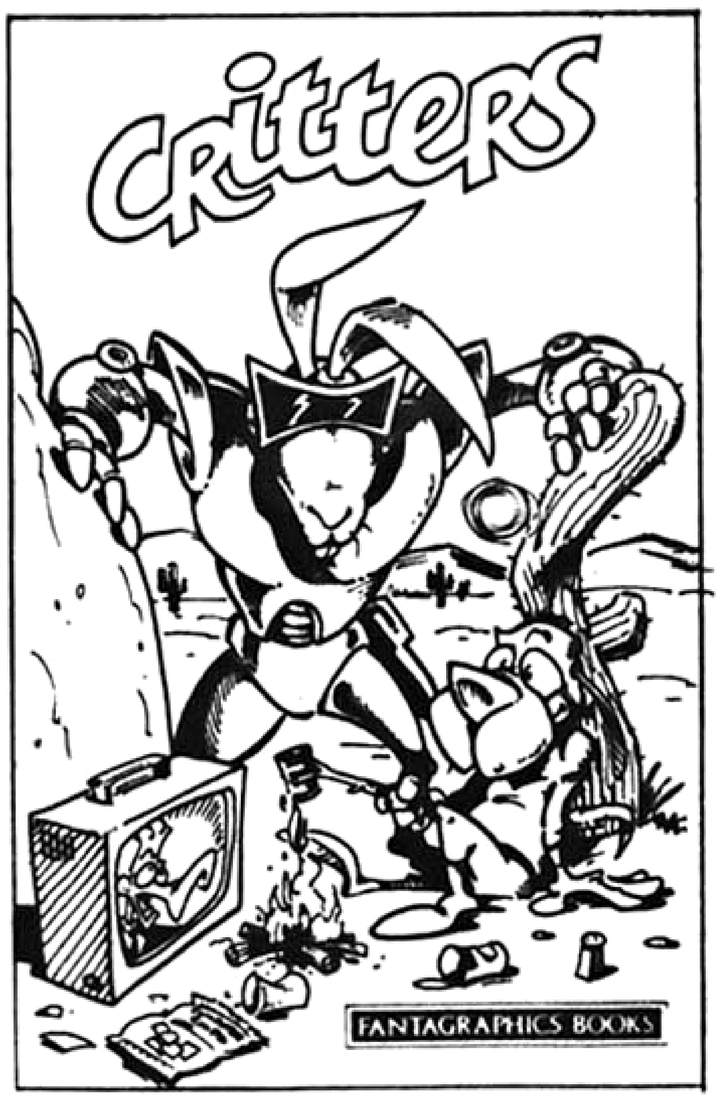

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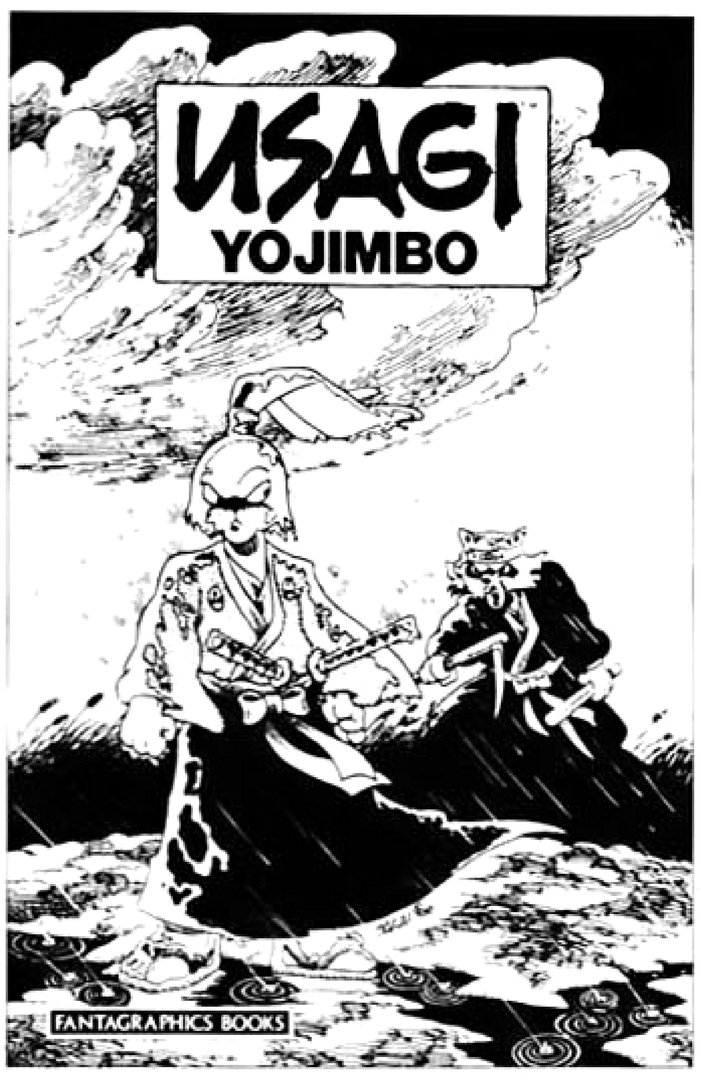

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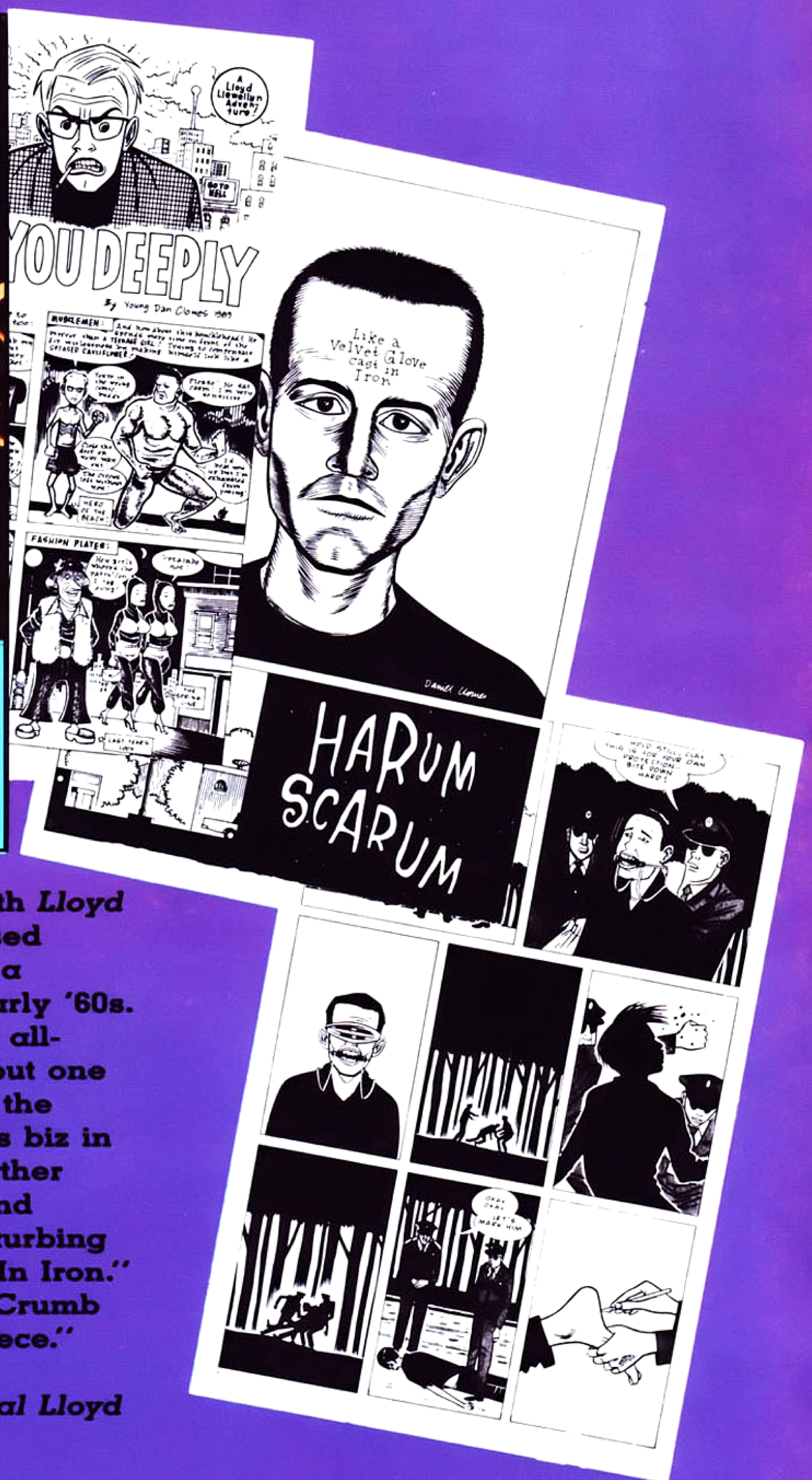

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